

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| Applicant: | Dellinger et al. | Examiner: | Jeffrey S. Lundgren |
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a one-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the communication mailed April 11, 2007, the period of response being extended from July 11, 2007 to August 11, 2007.

Please charge our Deposit Account No. 13-2725 in the amount of \$120 to cover the required extension fee for a large entity.

Additionally, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees as set forth in §§ 38 CFR 1.16 to 1.18 which may be required for entry of these papers or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2725.

Respectfully submitted,
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